

Episode 9 - "You Look Like You Have A Dilemma"



Six Against Two

The **Novo** tribe returns from Tribal Council after voting out J.T., one of the strongest physical players in the game. **Spencer**, fearful of being the next to go, expresses disappointment at the outcome of the vote: "I'm incredibly frustrated by tonight's Tribal Council. J.T. was voted off and right up until, I'd say ten minutes before, it was supposed to be *Tyson*," he explains. "Taj decided just for no apparent reason that she wanted J.T. to go, so...right now, it's six original **Timbira** members vs. me and Sandy." As the other **Novo** members sit around the fire, Taj pleads with Spencer to not be upset with her for losing J.T. Referring to Tyson, she says "He'll get his soon enough." **Spencer** is reluctant to believe anything Taj says: "If you cross me once, I'm the type of person that it's kindof hard to get back on my good side," he reveals, "But...I'm *definitely* gonna keep my options open. You know, **Timbira**'s gonna have to crack."

With Spencer and Sandy separated from the rest of the tribe, the former **Timbira** members relish in their control of the game. Erinn claims that all they have to do is decide whether Sandy or Spencer will be voted out first. "As far as we're all concerned, the **Timbira** tribe is staying strong," **Taj** tells the camera, "But...I don't know. We still have to get rid of Tyson. I only voted J.T. at Tribal Council because I felt he was doing better in the challenges and I didn't want to hand control over to the members of **Jalapao**, but...Tyson's still a big threat," Taj reasons. "I'm'a continue to act like business as usual, but *Tyson*, next chance I get, I'm comin' for you," she laughs.

Alone Time

The next morning at **Novo**, **Spencer** awakes before sunset and heads down to the Rio Novo river. Reflecting on his place in the game, he tells the camera, "I am the youngest contestant ever on Survivor, so I'm obviously the youngest person left in the tribe right now, but...sometimes I feel like I'm the oldest." "It's very frustrating to be a part of a minority tribe that keeps getting picked off," he continues, "But one thing I know I'm never gonna do is give up. Things switch way too *quickly* in this game."

Back at camp, Carolina and Erinn are stuck by the fire with Sandy, as Sandy rambles on about her cats, Sabrina and Tucker, and the girls exchange commiserating glances. "Right now, I see four *pairs*, uh, in the tribe," **Sandy** explains in her confessional. "Spencer and I, you know, we tried to make an alliance with Carolina and Erinn; they weren't gonna have it. You know, Carolina was dead-set on voting J.T. Then we tried to make an alliance with Jerry and *Taj*, and they flipped back over to **Timbira**, so...I might just try cozyin' up with, uh, Candace and Tyson, you know? That's the only one I haven't tried yet."

Sandy approaches Tyson by the water and asks him his take on who will be voted out next. "I think it won't be you," he candidly says. Sandy is relieved by this news, but asks if Spencer is on the chopping block. Tyson confirms that Spencer is the next target. "The thing is, I don't think you're as much of a threat [as him]," Tyson remarks. "I've been starting to talk a little more with Sandy," **Tyson** then tells the camera. "I mean, she's getting paranoid, so she needs to be reassured about

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where she stands in the tribe. I'm being *honest* with her, but...uh, I figure the best thing to do is get her onto my side and add one more pawn to my kingdom." Tyson says that, "If it was up to me, I'd keep you around to the end," which piques Sandy's interest. "I would be as loyal as the day is long, honey," she says. Tyson nods his head and says he believes that. "Well, if you can guarantee me at least two more Tribal Councils, I might have you some *information*," Sandy offers. Sandy cryptically reveals that someone on **Timbira** has been talking about taking him out. "Carolina?" Tyson inquires. But Sandy remains silent: "I am definitely, uh, playing the game, and right now, I hold almost as many cards as some of the people from **Timbira**," **Sandy** says. "You know, big mouth *Taj*, she already gave me enough information that I *believe* I could give it to Tyson and get her voted off at the next Tribal Council, but...I am just taking it one day at a *time*." Sandy tells Tyson to think about what she said. "Okay. You're not going anywhere in three days," Tyson assures Sandy, as she acts grateful to be spared. Tyson again tells her that he could take her a long way in the game.

"I don't know why these people believe anything that comes out of my mouth, but they do," **Tyson** arrogantly claims. "You know, I've got an alliance with everybody else in the tribe so why *not* Sandy?" Sandy excitedly hugs Tyson, as a watchful Candace gives a disapproving glare. "Basically what I'm doing is covering all my bases to make sure I get to the finish line, so...I feel pretty confident that I'll be in the finals."

Reward Challenge - Rock Block

The **Novo** tribe arrives on their mat. Host Jeff Probst explains the rules of the challenge. The tribe will be divided into teams of four pairs with each pair assigned to a color: red, black, white, or green. Each pair will have one row of eight ceramic tiles in the color that corresponds to their team color. One member from each pair will toss a metal ball attempting to knock out one of the tiles belonging to the other two teams. When a pair is out of tiles, they are out of the challenge. The last pair with tiles in tact will be treated to a performance of capoeira, a Brazilian martial art consisting of various dance-like moves. They will also be treated to an enormous local feast.

The red team consists of Jerry and Candace. The black team consists of Tyson and Carolina. The white team consists of Taj and Erinn, and the green team consists of Spencer and Sandy. The tossing begins with the green team down two tiles, as the former **Timbira** members target Sandy and Spencer first. Tile after tile is knocked out with the white team also being an early target. Tyson's good aim and strong arm prove to be an asset in this challenge, as he knocks out tile after tile. Erinn comments that everyone should be trying to take out Tyson's team, not she and Taj. As the challenge continues, the green team, Spencer and Sandy, is the first to be eliminated. The white team is down to one tile left, while the black and red teams have three tiles each. Tyson knocks out another red tile, while Candace knocks the white team out of the challenge after taking out their final tile. Carolina misses on her toss, but Jerry knocks out a black tile. Both teams now two tiles remaining. After several close tosses and chipped tiles, Tyson makes the final throw and knocks out the final red tile. The black team of Tyson and Carolina wins the Reward and gets to choose one other pair to share it with. After some consultation, they choose the white team, Erinn and Taj.

"I'm looking forward to the Reward," **Tyson** says in his confessional. "I mean, this'll give me a chance to lay out some plans for the rest of the game. You know, I'm starting to think about keeping Sandy around, but...the next one to go is gonna be *Spencer*. I'll make sure they *know* it, and...you know, from God's lips to their *votes*," he says, overtly calling himself God.

The Underdogs

Back at the **Novo** camp, Candace expresses resentment that Carolina won another Reward Challenge and claims that "she wouldn't have won it if not for *Tyson*." Spencer also states that he was shocked. The original **Timbira** members then disperse around camp, leaving Sandy and Spencer alone to chat in the shelter. "I just wanna win one Reward, you know?" Spencer says to Sandy. "I don't even care what the Reward is." As Sandy scoots closer to him, Spencer tells her that they have to figure out a way to switch up the game, and Sandy confesses that Tyson told her Spencer would be the next to go. "I knew it was gonna be *one* of us," he says with disappointment. "Let me tell you this, honest to God," Sandy then says as she holds Spencer's arm and comforts him. "We're gonna *make* it to the Final Two, okay? I'm gonna take you with me if I win the [final] challenge, and...I've told that to no one," Sandy says. Spencer tells her that he feels the same way. "At this point in the game, my strongest alliance is with Spencer, and he's just as Survivor crazy as I am, you know?" **Sandy** reveals. "Right now, we're definitely the *underdogs*, but...uh, I ain't gonna let *Spencer* go home. I don't care if I have to whoever; I am just dead-set on keeping Spencer, and...I would say, if we keep talkin' to the right people, there's a real *chance* we can turn this game around."

"I believe that it's gonna change *tomorrow*," Sandy says to Spencer, before she reveals that she has been trying to work out a deal with Tyson. Spencer tells Sandy that he's really glad they ended up together. "The oldest one and the *youngest* one in the game, and we got an alliance," Sandy then muses. Spencer jokes that he just said this morning that he felt like the oldest. "I am fighting for my life right now," **Spencer** tells the camera. "Tyson's definitely ready to bring the guillotine down on my head, so...I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I have to win Immunity two days from now." "The way everything stands right now, I'll *probably* be the next one to go," he says.

Capoeira Reward

Tyson, Carolina, Erinn, and Taj arrive in a small Brazilian village where an enormous feast awaits them. Carolina comments that she's glad to have a break from Sandy: "She's annoying the crap out of me," Carolina reveals. "She's so paranoid; it's *excruciating*." Erinn says, "I *know*; it's like we can't even have a normal conversation." Sitting down to eat with the locals, the four **Novo** members immediately devour the food. An excited **Erinn** narrates the feast and describes the various food items.

As the castaways continue to gorge themselves, Tyson brings up the subject of the next vote. "I'm voting for *Sandy*," Carolina blatantly states. Tyson counters that Spencer was supposed to be the first one to go before it switched to Coach and he's a bigger threat than Sandy. "She's *crazy*!" Caroline exclaims. "Like, I can't go through another three days of hell of *listening* to her," she then whines. "It's too much for me to *handle*." Frustrated, Tyson asks Erinn, "And you think Sandy too?"

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Erinn nods her head: "I think Spencer's a bigger *physical* threat, but Sandy's *strategic*. Like, when she wants to *strategize*, her mind is still really sharp for 53 years-old," Erinn admits. Tyson bluntly says that eliminating Sandy first would be a mistake. "The thought of voting for Sandy doesn't make much sense to me, and Carolina and Erinn are pretty adamant about it," **Tyson** explains to the camera. "You know, I'm like a genie in a bottle. I can only grant you three wishes. I mean, I'm not gonna let them make the decision every time."

"What do you think, Taj?" Tyson asks. "Either one is fine with me," she replies. "The thing is, like, Spencer's gonna go next *anyway*, so why does it matter if Sandy goes *first*? Like, it's three days," Erinn then says to Tyson. Tyson asks why it matters if Spencer goes first then since Sandy would go next. Carolina loudly proclaims that she's not changing her vote from Sandy. Observing from the sidelines, **Taj** reflects on the exchange in her confessional: "Normally, when you go away on a Reward, everyone's happy, *everyone* gets along, but...*today*, Tyson wants to vote out *Spencer* at the, uh, next Tribal Council, and Carolina wants to vote *Sandy*, and knowing them, they'll probably argue about it all day long," she narrates. "You know what? You two decided Coach *and* J.T.," Tyson tells Carolina and Erinn. "You need to let me have some *say* here." Erinn disagrees that they made those decisions, as Taj looks on with amusement. "Well, as long as I know who's going before Tribal Council, *you* three can fight it out," Taj laughs. "I don't have to think about it for three days." Carolina firmly says "It's *Sandy*!" "To me, it's *meaningless*," **Taj** continues in her confessional, "Because *whichever* one of them goes, I know I'll be here for another three days, regardless."

As the strategy talk dies down, the Capoeira practitioners perform a dance-like martial art form as musicians accompany the performance with traditional Brazilian instruments. Carolina, Taj, Erinn, and Tyson soon join in by mimicking the moves of the natives, but **Tyson**'s mind is much more focused on the game than on the dancing: "Carolina's not doing what I tell her, <wags his finger disapprovingly> so...when I get back to camp, I'm gonna have to have a talk with *Candace*. I mean, I'd still like to vote Spencer, but we'll see. I'm not a big enough idiot to let her [Carolina] have all the power in her hands, so...we might have to get rid of Carolina."

Change of Plans

When the challenge winners return to camp from the Brazilian village, Tyson immediately sneaks off with Candace and asks her who she thinks will be the next to go. She matter-of-factly replies "*Spencer*" but Tyson reveals that Carolina and Erinn want to vote out Sandy first. "Okay, something's *up*," says a pensive Candace. "That's what I was thinking too," Tyson replies. "We've been talking about voting Spencer since the *merge*," a confused Candace rationalizes. "When did it all of a sudden become *Sandy*?!" Tyson suggests that Carolina and Erinn might be trying to protect Spencer. "Yeah," Candace agrees. "And I think she's been talking to people about voting me off too," Tyson then hypothesizes. "Carolina's plan to vote for Sandy, it's completely *illogical*," **Candace** tells the camera. "It's like, why would she even think about keeping Spencer...unless they had an *alliance*?!"

"That bitch thinks she's *way* too smart for us," Candace blurts out. "Remember when everybody thought she wasn't gonna be a threat?" Annoyed at the situation with Carolina, Tyson shakes his head. "She's getting too power-hungry," he says. "I

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think that we should vote out *Carolina*," he then proposes. "I was a *way* better fake ally to her than she ever was to me." Intrigued by the idea, Candace begins to consider the numbers: "Okay, let's think about this: me, you, Jerry, Taj; that's four," she says while counting votes on her fingers. "That's all we need cause they'll [Carolina and Erinn] vote *Sandy*." Tyson nods. "Spencer and Sandy can vote *whoever*," Candace ponders. With this, a new plan is in place. "We just need to do what gets us to the Final Two," Tyson tells Candace. "The game plan's changed," **Candace** explains to the camera, "So the plan right now is to blindside Carolina, and...once she's *gone*, it'll be me and Tyson firmly in control of this *game*." "You don't think we tell Spencer and *Sandy*?" Tyson asks Candace. "Hell no," she replies.

Later that morning, Tyson and Candace meet with Jerry and Taj and explain the new strategic developments. "We need to change the vote now," Tyson says. Jerry asks what the change is and Tyson says "Carolina." "Why *Carolina*?!" a surprised Taj asks for clarification. Tyson says that she's trying to take control of the game and she can't be trusted. "I think she has an alliance with Spencer," Tyson adds. "She's trying to be the mastermind." Taj agrees that she was "pretty forceful" about voting for Sandy. Tyson reminds Jerry and Taj that, with Carolina out the way, the four of them will hold the majority. Jerry is easily convinced and concurs, "Then she's the one we need to be votin' out." With Taj and Jerry in agreement, the four votes against Carolina are solidified: "The only obstacle to this plan working would be Carolina winning *Immunity* today," **Candace** tells the camera. "Honestly, I don't know *what* challenge she could possibly win on her own, but... I'm gonna do everything in my *power* to make sure that doesn't happen."

Immunity Challenge - Tocantins Shuffle

The **Novo** tribe members walk in to the challenge and arrive on their colored mat as freezing heavy rain pours down on them. Host Jeff Probst explains the rules of the challenge, which is a Survivor version of shuffle board. Each person will have three pucks, and will slide their pucks across the board. The person whose puck ends up closest to the center of the X at the end of three rounds wins Immunity.

As everyone shivers from the cold of the rain, the challenge is on. Tyson sets an early mark to beat in the first round, but is quickly bumped down by Taj. Sandy unintentionally bumps Carolina closest to the X in the second round of puck shots, causing the other **Timbira** members to panic. Spencer then knocks Carolina out, putting himself in the lead and giving himself a chance at Immunity. In an incredibly crushing last shot of the game, Candace knocks Spencer out of the lead and puts her puck closest to the X. To Spencer's disappointment, Candace wins Immunity.

"It really didn't matter who won today as long as it wasn't Carolina," **Tyson** explains, "So...you know, *I'll* be pretty happy sending her home. I can't wait to get rid of her."

You Screwed Up My Blindside

Upon returning from the Immunity Challenge, Tyson is elated that Carolina did not win Immunity and is vulnerable now at Tribal Council. With Tyson believing Carolina will be blindsided, Taj begins to devise another plan to eliminate him

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instead: "Candace won *Immunity* today," **Taj** narrates, "And the plan that's currently in place is for Tyson, Jerry, Candace, and myself to vote out Carolina. [Tyson] thinks if he gets Carolina out of the way, then everyone'll just bow down to him and let him win a million dollars." Taj, however, has another idea in mind. She meets with Jerry and tells him that they should follow through with the previous plan of voting Tyson out: "Well, everyone's voting for *Carolina* so that makes this the perfect time to blindside *Tyson* because he'll never see it coming," Taj explains.

As Taj, Jerry, and Spencer make a trek to the watering hole, Taj tells Spencer that they can blindside Tyson tonight. **Spencer** is immediately put off by Taj's suggestion: "We could have voted off Tyson last Tribal Council when I wanted to and now all of a sudden Taj comes up with this brilliant idea to blindside him? Uh, *hello*. Where were you three days ago? Didn't I just *say* that?!" Taj continues to push the idea to a resistant Spencer: "Keeping someone with as much power as he has just doesn't feel *good*," she explains. "I'm just *frustrated*," Spencer admits to the camera. "You know, it's 27 days of being around the same people. Quite frankly, it's starting to drive me *nuts*." Taj asks Spencer why he is getting upset with her. "I'm just saying, like, how is tonight any different?" Spencer asks Taj. "It just wasn't the right time," she responds. Spencer disagrees and chimes that "it *was* the right time." Taj continues to maintain her ground and insists that "J.T. was stronger in the *challenges*." Spencer tells Taj that he doesn't want to argue with her and he will vote out Tyson if it keeps him in the game longer. "Then it's *done*," Taj confirms. Spencer is frustrated by Taj's sudden change of heart once again. "Taj is definitely *not* the player she thinks she is," **Spencer** tells the camera. "You know, she screwed up my blindside against Tyson at the last Tribal Council, so... I'm certainly not gonna bank on voting Tyson off and then have her change it again at the last second."

Meeting with Sandy, an annoyed Spencer breaks the news that "Taj and what's-his-face" now want to blindside Tyson again. Sandy is frustrated because she has been trying to make inroads with Candace and Tyson. "Daggone it," she utters. **Sandy** then reveals her thoughts in her confessional: "Spencer said that Taj wants to vote out Tyson, but Tyson told me, you know, he wants to keep me around to the end cause he don't see me as a threat, so *hell*, I'd rather vote for Taj. You know, she ain't doin' nothin' for *me*." "The surest bet we have right now is to vote out Taj," Spencer urges. Sandy wholeheartedly agrees that it would be a good move. "I'm not taking a chance again with Taj," he then insists. As Sandy and Spencer continue to discuss their best option, Tyson, Candace, Carolina, and Erinn reconvene and confirm that their target is Sandy. Falsely believing she's in control, **Carolina** expresses delight that her current annoyance, Sandy, will finally be voted out of the game.

With Tribal Council drawing nearer, the tension in the air is thick as Spencer and Tyson sit across the fire from each other, both gazing ahead. "You look like you have a dilemma," Tyson remarks to Spencer. Spencer looks over his shoulder to make sure the coast is clear and then says, "I have an *idea*, not really a dilemma." Not sure how to react, Tyson shows little interest. "Obviously you're seen as a big threat in the tribe," Spencer begins, as Tyson looks up. "Right now, you're going home tonight." Tyson is surprised by this revelation, but maintains his composure and asks how. "Me, Sandy, Jerry, and *Taj*." Spencer divulges that Taj suggested the blindside, and tries to put himself into a new alliance: "I feel like I would be the

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worst person for you to get rid of," he suggests. "Think about it. Like, if I go home, who do you think the girls are gonna vote for [next]?" Tyson listens intently, but doesn't say anything back. "You would obviously be the target, which you *kindof* already are now," Spencer then says. Tyson asks Spencer who he thinks should go: "Should we vote for her [Taj]?" Spencer looks up and subtly nods his head. "I want to vote for Taj," he says. "All you have to do is get Candace. *Sandy's* already on board." Tyson carefully considers the new plan: "Yeah, so...Taj wants to get rid of *me*," **Tyson** then recaps. "I guess I got too *comfortable* and, you know, I should have seen it coming that I was gonna be targeted." As Taj walks by the shelter, Tyson makes his mind up. "Okay, let's vote for Taj," he tells Spencer. "I wouldn't call it a bad day," Tyson continues in his confessional. "I'd probably call it a less *awesome* day, <laughs> but...uh, probably the biggest mistake anybody'll make is keeping me around."

Candace is then brought into the discussion. "I'll be honest, we're taking a risk if we vote off Taj before *Carolina*," Candace expresses. She pulls Tyson aside and whispers that the four new **Timbira** members could join forces again, but Tyson insists that Taj is more dangerous than Carolina because she's more unpredictable. Candace tells Sandy that Carolina is targeting her, which Sandy is shocked by. "Here I thought *I* was going," Spencer says. "Well, I could vote Carolina *or* Taj," Sandy offers. Spencer says that he'd rather vote Taj, and Tyson backs him up. Candace seems unconvinced. "We've got another *Tribal* Council tonight, and there's no real clear-cut way for it to go," **Sandy** tells the camera. "I think it's gonna be a 50/50 type of deal or 33%, *whatever*; you know, it could be Tyson, Carolina, or maybe even *Taj* if me and Spencer can, you know, play our cards the way we want, so...there's still a lot of discussing going on and everything, you know, around camp."

Carolina and Erinn observe Spencer, Sandy, Tyson, and Candace chatting in the distance. "What the hell's going *on*?" Carolina nervously asks. As the **Novo** members leave for Tribal Council, Spencer and Sandy are undecided as to who to vote for: "Three days ago, Tyson was targeting me, so voting out Taj over Tyson might seem like a really stupid move, but...I'm *pretty* sure the longer he sticks around the more people are gonna hate his guts," **Spencer** contemplates. "I don't know. I'm not clear at *all* what I'm gonna do, but tonight will probably be one of the biggest moves of the game, um, whichever way it goes."

Tribal Council #9 - Novo Tribe

J.T., the first member of the jury, arrives on the bench as Tribal Council begins. "Tyson, this is the third Tribal Council you've been at without Immunity," Jeff observes. "You're one of the biggest physical threats in the game. Do you get more concerned with each Tribal that maybe tonight is your night?" "I mean, it's difficult to say what these guys are thinking, but it's only natural, I think, that people are gonna try and get rid of me," **Tyson** answers. "When you're this good looking, you know, you, uh, you stick *out*," he laughs, "so...it wouldn't really surprise me at this point if I was voted for."

"Carolina, based on the last Tribal Council, the original **Timbira** is staying strong. Anything happen over the last three days to change that?" "I think everyone here is smart enough to realize, like, to go against Spencer or Sandy in the Final Two would be suicide," **Carolina** responds. "They'd win, like, *unanimously*," she states.

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Sandy tenses her expression at this comment, drawing Jeff's attention. "Sandy, Carolina brings up a fair point..." Jeff suggests. "Well, yes, but if there's more **Timbira** people on the *jury*, they're gonna vote for a **Timbira** person to win," **Sandy** counters. "They ain't gonna vote for *me*." Erinn chimes in that a **Timbira** jury would have to respect someone who made it to the Final Two and overcame the odds of being outnumbered at the merge. Sandy says she doesn't see it like that. Jeff then says, "Carolina, tell me about Sandy." "Sandy's *Sandy*," **Carolina** begins. "You know, but honestly, she's scrambling and she's paranoid, and it's annoying everyone. Like, the more paranoid she is, the more I just want to vote her off." Jeff returns to Sandy once again, this time asking her if she has been paranoid. "Uh, I wouldn't call it paranoid if I know, like, let's say *100%*, that people are *votin'* for me," **Sandy** responds, "So...*no*...paranoia is like if you think your head's on the chopping block and it ain't even on there."

Moving on, Jeff begins to address the subject of the vote: "The last two Tribal Councils have been almost unanimous," he says. "Erinn, think that'll continue tonight?" "Um, I don't think it'll be *unanimous*," **Erinn** says, "But I think there's a clear consensus within the original **Timbira** tribe." Jeff asks Jerry if it becomes harder or easier to vote people out at this point in the game: "Uh, it's always a hard vote, Jeff, because you form bonds with these people even though you compete against them," **Jerry** expresses. "I know I've been feelin' torn because I really *do* like everybody here, so...tonight's vote, I mean, it's *especiall*y difficult because I like the individual I'm voting for a lot." Jeff then asks Tyson for his take on the impending vote: "Casting tonight's vote will actually help me *sleep* better tonight," **Tyson** cryptically answers. "I'll be able to sleep with both eyes closed, so...I mean, I think it'll be a good *vote*."

"Carolina, think it's gonna be a *shocking* vote tonight for somebody?" Jeff poses. "Um, I don't necessarily think it'll be a *shock*," **Carolina** replies. "You know, it's either gonna be Spencer or *Sandy*, so...I think they pretty much *know*." Spencer widens his eyes, as Jeff turns his attention to Taj: "Taj, think somebody'll be surprised tonight?" he asks. "I *absolutely* think someone'll be surprised," **Taj** says. Perplexed by the differing answers, Jeff says "And yet Carolina says it *won't* be a surprise, so if **Timbira**'s staying united, how much of a consensus can there be?" Continuing to push the issue, Jeff asks Sandy if she agrees with Taj: "You think whoever's going home tonight will be shocked?" he inquires. "*Mm* hmm," **Sandy** dramatically states. "The person who's goin' home tonight is definitely, uh, *not* gonna see it comin'." Taj nods her head as Sandy continues to speak: "It's the biggest surprise of the game *tonight*," she says. Carolina appears confused, but decides that Sandy has been given false information. With this, Candace decides to keep individual Immunity and the eight remaining **Novo** tribe members cast their votes.

Jeff then tallies the votes, and reveals them one at a time to the castaways:

SANDY.

SANDY.

Certain that Sandy is being voted out, Carolina displays a confident smirk on her face.

TYSON.

TYSON.

Tyson looks on cautiously, while Taj remains convinced that the most powerful player in the game, Tyson, is about to go home.

TAJ.

Stunned to see her name come up, Taj's expression immediately changes, while Spencer and Sandy remain optimistic but calm.

TAJ.

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In the end, in a shocking 4-2-2 vote, Taj Johnson-George, the 37 year-old former pop star and NFL wife from Nashville, Tennessee, becomes the ninth person voted out of **Survivor: Tocantins - The Brazilian Highlands** and the second member of the jury. "Well, based on Taj's reaction, I'd say the vote *was* a surprise," Jeff observes. "Twelve days left; that could be any one of you." With this final caution, the remaining castaways head back to camp.

Taj's Final Words

Almost at a loss for words, to be blindsided at Tribal Council, Taj leaves behind her final words: "I'm shocked. I mean, / was blindsided. I definitely did not see this coming, but you know what? I'm fine, because I was trying to blindside Tyson so.../ can't be upset with them for getting rid of me." "I am disappointed," Taj volunteers, "And I guess maybe I'm disappointed in myself because we had a plan on **Timbira** that could have worked perfectly if we had followed along with it. I'm definitely rooting for *Jerry*, but you know, I might even be rooting for **Jalapao** a little bit cause they definitely pulled one over on me," she says.

Episode 10 - Undisclosed Title

After losing his strongest ally, Jerry finds himself in a vulnerable position in the tribe.

Meanwhile, Tyson finds himself having to do damage control with Carolina and Erinn who feel they were left out of the decision-making. Even his closest ally, Candace, begins to have doubts about their alliance.

Two castaways attempt to revive an old alliance, putting one castaway in a precarious spot as the swing vote. How will the vote turn out?

Episode 9 Voting History:

4 Votes Against	Survivors Voting Against Taj			
				
2 Votes Against	Survivors Voting Against Sandy			
				
2 Votes Against	Survivor Voting Against Tyson			
				